

# Madison & West Yellowstone



West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center  
Through May 28: 8 AM–4 PM; May 29–Sept. 6: 8 AM–8 PM

Madison Information Station  
May 29–Sept. 30: 9 AM–6 PM

Junior Ranger Station  
May 29–Aug. 29: 9 AM–6 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Explore Yellowstone!</b> <i>Starting May 23</i> Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet a park ranger at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street) for a talk about what to see and do in the park. ⌚ 20–30 minutes	9:30 AM 5/23–9/5	9:30 AM 5/24–9/6	9:30 AM 5/25–8/31	9:30 AM 5/26–9/1	9:30 AM 5/27–9/2	9:30 AM 5/28–9/3	9:30 AM 5/29–9/4
<b>Junior Ranger Station Activities</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> Hey kids! Join a park ranger to learn about Yellowstone’s wonderful wildlife, geysers, history, and much more! This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger patch. These family programs are geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Meet at the Junior Ranger Station at Madison Junction. ⌚ 30 minutes	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 5/30–8/29	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 5/31–8/23	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/1–8/24	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/2–8/25	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/3–8/26	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/4–8/27	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 5/29–8/28
<b>Afternoon Talk in West</b> <i>Starting May 30</i> Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk on a captivating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history in West Yellowstone, Montana. The Museum of the Yellowstone is located at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is located at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Museum of the Yellowstone or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. ⌚ 30 minutes	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 5/30–9/5	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 5/31–9/6	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CTR. 6/1–8/31	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/2–9/1	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CTR. 6/3–9/2	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/4–9/3	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CTR. 6/5–9/4
<b>Evening Program in West Yellowstone</b> <i>Starting June 8</i> Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street). Everyone is welcome. The program is free. ⌚ 45 minutes			7 PM 6/8–8/31			7 PM 6/11–9/3	
<b>Madison Evening Program</b> <i>Starting May 30</i> Each night a park ranger will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Madison Amphitheater. ⌚ 45 minutes	9:30 PM 5/30–7/18  9 PM 7/25–9/5	9:30 PM 5/31–7/19  9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 6/1–7/20  9 PM 7/27–8/31	9:30 PM 6/2–7/21  9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/3–7/22  9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/4–7/23  9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/5–7/24  9 PM 7/31–9/4

⌚ = Wheelchair-accessible



Both photos NPS

The historic Madison Trailside Museum (left) now is a Junior Ranger Station where National Park Service interpretive rangers lead activities for children ages 5–12.



## Stars Over Yellowstone

**Safe Solar Observing**  
*Old Faithful Temporary Visitor Center area*  
Saturday: July 10 & Aug. 7, 2–5 PM  
Safely view the sun through telescopes.

**Night Sky Observing**  
*Between the Madison Campground & Amphitheater*  
**Friday & Saturday:**  
**July 9 & 10, 10:30 PM**  
**Aug. 6 & 7, 10 PM**

Find the Milky Way, Jupiter, craters on the Moon, the center of the Galaxy, star clusters, and nebula. Telescopes available. Dress warmly; bring a flashlight.

Enjoy Yellowstone’s unpolluted sky. Find constellations, hear star stories, and view the sun and other celestial objects through telescopes. Weather permitting.

**Astronomy Evening Programs: Madison Campground Amphitheater**

**Friday, July 9 & Saturday, July 10**  
**9:30 PM**  
*Green and Red Night Skies* by Dr. Joseph Shaw, Director of the Optical Technology Center, Montana State University. The aurora borealis paints the night sky red and green. Discover the cause of these colors while viewing images demonstrating the beauty of the aurora. Learn how to observe and photograph this night-time wonder.

**Friday, August 6 & Saturday, August 7**  
**9 PM**  
*Eye on the Big Sky* by Ryan Hannahoe, Space Public Outreach Team (SPOT), Montana State University. Yellowstone’s dry climate and dark skies provide great opportunities for viewing the night sky. Learn how to use star charts to find constellations. See the objects Galileo saw and compare those with close-up views taken by space probes.

Stars Over Yellowstone is presented by The Museum of the Rockies and its partners, including the Southwest Montana Astronomical Society and the Abaetern Academy. The Museum of the Rockies is in Bozeman, Montana, at 600 Kagy Blvd.; 406-994-2251.

